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SUBJECT: NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT

REF: UTATE 37591

1; WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON PROPOSALS DESCRIBED REFTEL. IT IS CLEAR FROM STATEMENTS OF HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO AND OTHERS THAT FMG WILL WELCOME RENEWED EFFORTS TO UNBLOCK NAMIBIAN IMPASSE.

2. WHILE OBASANJO AND FMG HARBORED RESERVATIONS ABOUT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S TACTICS, PACKAGE AND PRIORITIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, THEY NOW HAVE MORE HOPEFUL EXPECTATIONS ON STRENGTH OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S CONVERSATION WITH OBASANJO AND THEIR PERCEPTION OF GENERAL CARTER ADMINISTRATION STANCE ON SOUTHER AFRICAN ISSUES. FMG WILL THUS EXPECT US EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY RE NAMIBIA, TO HAVE A NEW CAST TO THEM.

3. 7-POINT PROPOSAL REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 REFTEL WAS DEVELOPED LAST FALL, WAS TERMED "VERY DISAPPOINTING" BY OBASANJO ON
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DECEMBER 10 (76 LAGOS 13958 NODIS) AND WAS FOUND UNACCEPTABLE IN SEVERAL RESPECTS BY SAM NUJOMA OF SWAPO ON NOVEMBER 21 (76 LAGOS 13358 NODIS). IF WE ARE TO SEEK OBASANJO'S SUPPORT IN AN EFFORT TO BRING SWAPO TO ACCEPT THE 7 POINTS OR MODIFICATIONS THEREOF AS THE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT EITHER THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS APPEAR SUFFICIENTLY SUBSTANTIAL TO WARRANT A NEW APPROACH OR THAT WE BE ABLE TO

EXPLAIN IN WHAT WAYS THE SITUATION ITSELF HAS CHANGED
SUFFICIENTLY TO MAKE IT REALISTIC NOW TO UNDERTAKE A NEW
EFFORT ON ESSENTIALLY THE OLD TERMS.

4. IN NOVEMBER NUJOMA FLATLY REFUSED TO ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS
WITH TURNHALLE REPRESENTATIVES, ALTHOUGH HE RELUCTANTLY SAID HE
WOULD ACCEPT THEM IN HIS DELEGATION IF THEY CAME OVER TO HIS
SIDE. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE ARGUMENTATION TO OFFER
OBASANJO, BASED ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN NAMIBIA, THAT WOULD
JUSTIFY HIS PRESSING NUJOMA TO REVISE THAT POSITION.

. WITH REGARD TO POLITICAL DETAINEES, HAVE ANY MODIFICATIONS
BEEN REACHED THAT WOULD PROVIDE A RATIONALE FOR NUJOMA'S
ACCEPTANCE OF SOMETHING LESS THAN FULL RELEASE OF PRISONERS?
AT THE SAME TIME, WE COULD ASK OBASANJO TO FOLLOW UP ON DCM'S
SUGGESTION (LAGOS 13358) THAT SWAPO PROVIDE ASSURANCE THAT
RELEASED PRISONERS WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN VIOLENCE.

6. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH REPEAT THIS MESSAGE INFO LONDON,
GABORONE, DAR ES SALAAM, LUSAKA AND MAPUTO.
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